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For: STARTING CLUTCH AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23,
2004, please amend the above-identified patent application
as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.